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BOOT WITH OVERSIZED TOE BOX

FOR THERMAL INSULATION

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Please replace claim 1 with the following rewritten claim:

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A boot comprising an outer layer of leather which is stretched over an oversized toe box located beneath the outer layer, a layer of compressible cold insulating material which is secured to the inside of the toe box in its uncompressed state and an outsole.

Remarks

The purpose of the present proposed Amendment is to eliminate the issue of whether as asserted by the Examiner "the cold insulating material not being compressed during the